

# **Juniors and Badgers COVID Guidelines**

We're pleased to say that Cubs, Juniors and Badgers training is back, starting on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The Club has worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to comply with England Hockey's requirements and to implement the necessary changes to processes to enable this to happen. Our overriding aim is to make returning to play as safe as possible for everyone involved - players, coaches, helpers umpires and parents alike.

Please help us to do so by complying with the new requirements and guidelines, summarised below.

## **What you need to do**

### **1. Please sign England Hockey's Participant Agreement**

Before attending any training session or match, you must complete England Hockey's Participant Agreement for each of your children.

This only needs to be done once. The agreement can be accessed from the COVID page of the club's website ([www.eveshamandbadseyhockey.club/covid-19](http://www.eveshamandbadseyhockey.club/covid-19)) where you will find full guidance to what you need to do and player responsibilities.

### **2. Register your attendance at every training and match**

Before every training session and every match, you must register your/your child(ren)'s attendance. This is essential for 'Track and Trace' purposes and we are required by England Hockey to submit all players details within 24 hours of them playing.

To automate the process the club are going to use an app called 'Spond'. In Spond you'll be able to see the dates of all training and matches and will be asked to choose whether you will 'Attend' or 'Decline'. If you attend training or matches you must choose 'Attend' for your child(ren).

You'll shortly receive more information about Spond and an invitation to join.

### **3. Preparing to play**

#### **3.1 Self Assessment check**

Before attending each session you need to perform a Self Assessment check and declare that you and your child(ren) are symptom-free and haven't been in contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed COVID symptoms within the past 2 weeks. You/your child(ren) may only attend if you can answer 'No' to all of the following:

- A high temperature (above 37.8 C)
- A new continuous cough
- Shortness of breath
- A sore throat
- Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell
- Feeling generally unwell
- Been in close contact with / living with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous 2 weeks



### **3.2 Do not touch equipment, gates or fencing**

No kit or equipment other than their own is to be touched by anyone other than coaches or designated helpers. If it is touched please ensure that your child(ren) sanitise their hands immediately.

### **3.3 Hand sanitiser**

Please ensure that your child(ren) has hand sanitiser in their bag.

## **What you need to know**

### **1. Training times**

The new times for Sunday morning training sessions are

- Cubs and Juniors - 09:00 - 10:00
- Badgers 10:30 - 11:30

You should aim to arrive just a few minutes before the relevant session. Queuing will be minimised by registering attendance using the Spond app and the fact that we will not be taking cash payments this season.

### **2. Payments and membership**

The annual membership of £40 per child for the season, which includes all training, can be paid by bank transfer. The club's bank account name is 'Evesham & Badsey Hockey Club', account number 61779568, sort code 30-80-34 (Lloyds Bank). Please include your name and 'junior subs' as a reference.

If you wish to continue to pay weekly then this will need to be done using the Spond app or by bank transfer. We will not be accepting cash payments.

### **3. Parents/spectators**

We've been asked by The De Montfort School to limit people on the school site so please can only one parent drop off and pick up your child(ren). If you do not stay for the session please ensure that you return in time to pick them up promptly at the finish time.

Please observe social distancing guidelines at all times whilst onsite.

### **4. Equipment**

Please ensure your child(ren) come equipped with their stick, gumshield, shinpads, a drink (ideally in a named container), hand sanitiser, tissues and appropriate clothing for the prevailing conditions (e.g. warm/waterproof).

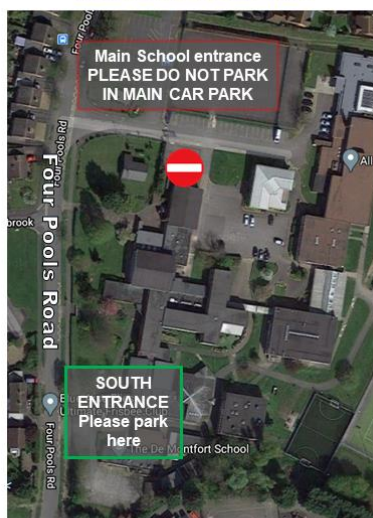
## 5. Car parking and pitch access (please see map below)

For all training sessions and matches please park in the lower car park to the south of Four Pools Road (the Tesco garage end) and use the route shown in the map below to get to the astro.

Juniors must enter the pitch via the adjacent small astro, not the gate next to the shed.

Only players, coaches and nominated helpers will be allowed on the astro. Parents wishing to spectate are requested to do so from the grassed area or path next to the small astro, observing social distancing.

### 1. PARKING – Please park in the South entrance car park



### 2. SPECTATORS –

Please stay off of the pitch and in the spectator area marked



Please maintain social distancing at all times

## 6. Pickup at the end of the session

At the end of the session, children will be asked to line up, 2 metres apart, near the exit gate to the small astro. Parents will be asked to line up, 2 metres apart, to await their child(ren). A one-way system will be in place around the perimeter of the small astro to facilitate safe collection of children and exiting.



## Games/training

As per England Hockey guidelines, training and match play continues as-normal other than a heightened sense of distance.

All pre-match/warmup activity is allowed but please ask your child(ren) to ensure that they maintain social distancing (2 stick-lengths apart).

If your children play Badgers matches and wear a facemask, the facemasks will be numbered and allocated to a player for the duration of the match. The facemask will be sanitised in advance. If the player is substituted or injured and another player needs to use the facemask it will be sanitised before doing so.

## What happens if you're ill?

- You should not attend any hockey activity.
- Participants should contact the Club COVID Officer as soon as they know or suspect that they have COVID symptoms. The club's COVID Officer is Martin Husbands. His contact email is **covid@eveshamandbadseyhockey.club**
- You should contact NHS Track and Trace if you haven't already.
- The COVID Officer will contact other participants to let them know that there is a suspected case of COVID and to monitor their own health. NHS may get in contact with them if they have been in direct contact and need to self-isolate. The Club COVID Officer will also advise the The De Montfort School of the suspected case of COVID.
- If a match has been played, the Club COVID Officer will contact the COVID Officer from the opposition team, and any match officials, to inform them of a suspected case. NHS may get in contact with them if they have been in direct contact and need to self-isolate. This is reciprocated with other clubs.
- The COVID Officer will also contact England Hockey through their reporting system.

Your compliance with the above changes will help us to ensure a safe and enjoyable return to hockey, so thank you for your assistance in this regard.

We may revise some of the above processes if we identify improvements, so please bear with us for the first few sessions.

More information can be found on the COVID-19 page of the club's website at [www.eveshamandbadseyhockey.club/covid-19/](http://www.eveshamandbadseyhockey.club/covid-19/).

Please contact any of your coaches or committee members if you have any suggestions.